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**Chief Chet Epperson**

**November 14, 2011**

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### **Promotion Ceremony**

ROCKFORD – Police Chief Chet Epperson will appoint Sergeant's Patrick Hoey, Douglas Pann and Gregory Ross to Lieutenant on Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. A formal ceremony will be held at the Public Safety Building, 420 West State Street, Rockford, IL 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Classrooms.

Patrick Hoey joined the ranks of the Rockford Police Department on March 9, 1987. He was promoted to Investigator on March 4, 2004 and to Sergeant on March 10, 2008. During his career, Patrick served as a Field Training Officer and a C.P.R., Hazardous Materials and First Aid Instructor. He is currently a member of the Police Honor/Color Guard Unit and Mobile Command Unit.

Patrick received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Western Illinois University and a Certificate in Public Administration from Northern Illinois University. He attended Problem Oriented – Community Policing, Electronic Criminal Surveillance Officer, Supervision of Police Personnel, Crisis Intervention Training and Honor Guard Camp. Patrick serves on the Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics State Committee.

Lieutenant Patrick Hoey will be assigned to the Field Services Bureau Patrol Administration under the overall command of Deputy Chief Lori Sweeney.

Douglas Pann joined the ranks of the Rockford Police Department on March 10, 1993. He was promoted to Investigator on August 10, 2003 and to Sergeant on May 28, 2006. During his career, Douglas served as a Field Training Officer, Firearms Instructor, SWAT Team Member and Commander of the Police Honor/Color Guard Unit.

Douglas received a Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership and Bachelor of Arts in Management and Leadership from Judson University. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA. He attended the Police Executive Role in the 21st Century, Crisis Intervention Team Training, and Supervision of Police Personnel.

Lieutenant Douglas Pann will be assigned to the Field Services Bureau Night Shift under the overall command of Deputy Chief Lori Sweeney.

Gregory Ross joined the ranks of the Rockford Police Department on June 20, 1994. He was promoted to Investigator on January 27, 2002 and to Sergeant on April 1, 2008. During his career, Gregory served as a Field Training Officer, SWAT Team Member and Mobile Command Unit Member.

Gregory received a Master of Public Administration from University of Illinois and a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Judson College. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. He attended the Supervision of Police Personnel, Crisis Intervention Team Training, Basic and Advance S.W.A.T. and Electronic Criminal Surveillance training.

Lieutenant Gregory Ross will be assigned to the Office of Professional Standards under the overall command of Deputy Chief David Hopkins.

